



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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LCFR Dispatcher Ricky Alford with mother and child.....

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Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

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'The 411 from 911'

One of the most forgotten but critical "links" in a fire or emergency operation is communications. Dispatchers are, in many cases, forgotten about and generally, taken for granted. We hope by opening up our Communications Center and letting you know about us, we can change this.

On October 5, 2003, dispatcher Ricky Alford was taking 9-1-1 calls when he received a call from a frantic mother in the Lovettesville area. The caller advised a child had been kicked by a horse and had suffered a severe head injury. Ricky, immediately identified the child had suffered a critical injury as the caller described a hoof print indentation on the child's head as well as a visible open skull fracture. Ricky remained on the line with caller, helping in calm her until EMS units from Lovettesville Fire & Rescue arrived on scene. The child was airlifted to Fairfax Hospital and remained in ICU for 2 weeks followed by a month in a Rehabilitation Center. Ricky was reunited with the family by way of Company 12 and was pleased to meet both mom and patient. Prognosis for recovery is very good. Way to go Ricky!

The Communications -week classroom-training curriculum before being assigned to Teams in the Center. Join us in welcoming our newest dispatchers: Keith Virts, Jennifer Krogmann, Seaver Miller & JoAnn Yost. Keith Center has recently hired 4 new dispatchers. They began on October 9th, 2003 and attended an intense five comes from Hamilton and has been an active volunteer with the Hamilton Vol. Fire Department for the past 7 years. He enjoys spending time riding his ATV. Keith has been assigned to Team 1. Jennifer originally hails from Cobleskill, New York but currently lives in Hamilton. She



New Dispatchers (left to right) - First Row—JoAnn Yous and Jennifer Krogmann
Second Row—Seaver Miller and Keith Virts

COMPANY NEWS

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is a former member of Loudoun Rescue and considers herself a weather buff and animal lover. Seaver is a FF/EMT and a member of the Sterling Col. Fire Department for the past 5 years. He was recently married in September to Amanda and they reside in Sterling. Jennifer and Seaver are both assigned to Team 3. JoAnn comes to us from Frederick, Maryland. She has been a member of United Fire Company in Frederick for 11 years and is a FF/Paramedic. She enjoys spending time with friends and family. JoAnn has been assigned to Team 4. Please help us in making our newest additions in feeling welcome.

On November 6, 2003, Patty Turner accepted the newest position in Communications as the ECC Manager. Patty was born and raised in neighboring Jefferson County, WV. She began her Communications career in Jefferson in 1989. In October 1996, she left Jefferson to become one of the original 6 dispatchers hired by Leesburg Police to open their Communications Center. She came to Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Communications in July of 1999 where she was promoted to Supervisor in September 2001. Patty has 1 son, RJ, which she enjoys spending any and all of her free time with. She also has the occasion to find the time to run as a volunteer FF/EMT with the Independent Fire Company in Charlestown, WV.

When asked about her new position, Patty states "I am committed to fulfilling many obligations in the ECC. I see this as a wonderful opportunity to put to use my knowledge and education gained over the past 14 years. I will strive to make the necessary changes that will make 'OUR' Communications Center one of the best. I stress 'OUR' as this Communications Center takes many committed individuals to make it a success. We have a wonderful group of employees in the ECC who continuously work together as a team to be efficient and effective. As I always say, there is no 'I' in TEAM."

Please help us in congratulating Patty and wish her success in her new position.



ECC Manager Patty Turner

This month's helpful hint: Remember to switch your portable over to your assigned response channel.

Do you have a question or suggestion? Send them to MDE-HOYOS@loudoun.gov

To the EMS Council:

My dear friends, I thank you profoundly for the wonderful Dell computer system. It is light years ahead of my former system and I appreciate your generosity! As you know, I am about to celebrate my twentieth year as OMD of Loudoun County fire and rescue. I have enjoyed the privilege and honor to serve with you over these two decades. EMS has always had a special place in my life. A special thanks to Allie Love for the ordering and delivery effort that she put forth. Thank you so very much and I look forward to the future and working with you in whatever capacity I am able to participate.

Sincerely,
Don Sabella

New Officers

Sterling Volunteer Fire Co. 11

Chief: Mickey Buchanan
President: Johnny Bischoff
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Byron Braggs
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FEBRUARY 2004

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	3	4 Companies 13 & 17	5 Company 15	6	7
8 Company 14	9 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	10 Rescue Chiefs	11 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment Committee	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day !
15	16 Company 1 ALS Committee	17 EMS Council	18 Fire Council	19	20	21
22	23 Companies 4 & 8	24 Fire-Rescue Commission	25	26	27	28
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SCHEDULED TRAINING

Firefighter II

January 3—February 18, 2004

EMT-First Responder

January 3—26, 2004

EMT-First Responder Refresher

January 3—26, 2004

CT to I Upgrade

January 4—February 22, 2004

Paramedic Refresher

January 4– February 22, 2004

Hazardous Materials Operations

January 5-29, 2003

AED/CombiTube

January 6, 2004

BLS Protocols

January 8, 2004

BLS Skills Verification

January 10, 2004

N.F.P.A. 1403 Class

January 15, 2004

EMT-Basic Refresher

January 21– February 28, 2004

Pediatric Educ. For Prehospital

Professionals (PEPP) - BLS

January 24, 2004

Fire-Rescue Orientation (2 offer)

February 4, 2004

February 12, 2004

Fire-Rescue Orientation Courses Scheduled

The Orientation Course is a pre-requisite for the upcoming EMT-Basic & Fire Fighter I Courses.

Walk in—No PPTR Required

(Two separate dates offered)

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

And

Thursday, February 12, 2004

7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Classroom III (Main Bldg.)
LCFR Training Center**

Recruit Class 9

House Burning in Fairfax County

Recruit Class 9 had the opportunity to do a live burn training exercise in an abandoned house in Fairfax County on October 1. The house was tri-level and they were able to do 7 burns in it.

Chief Cullers was able to secure the house from Lt. Mike Istvan who is with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue. The house was located in the Falls Church area of Fairfax County.

Numerous personnel were there in addition to the training staff including numerous station officers, who lead the recruits on each burn, numerous chief officers and the safety officer. The house burning afforded a great opportunity for the recruits as well as the officers to practice their skills in a controlled environment. Personnel were able to not only do fire extinguishment, but also search and rescue, ventilation, salvage and overhaul. Opening up ceilings, walls, baseboards, floors, and roofs, is something that you are not able to do very often.

Submitted by: Jeff Bailey



Please Advise New Members How to Obtain Fire-Rescue Photo ID Cards

The only responsibility of the volunteer is to have their photograph taken by the Communications Division staff. They need to call the Communication's Center at 703-777-0637 prior to coming to the center to ensure the dispatchers are not too busy.

They will not receive your card at that time. The ID cards will be processed and sent to the company President for distribution.

Our Neighbors...

New Apparatus Deliveries

By Mike Sanders-Company 6

Several fire and rescue departments that border Loudoun County have recently placed into service new apparatus.

Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Located just off of Route 7 in Clarke County, the Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire Department placed into service Rescue Engine 8, an impressive 2002 Pierce Dash rescue engine. FEMA's Mt. Weather Station 21 and Round Hill Company 4 are the closest Loudoun County stations to Blue Ridge.

Painted white with a blue stripe, Rescue Engine 8 has a 1250-gallon per minute pump and carries 750 gallons of water. In addition to this Pierce carrying equipment typically found on Rescue Engines, the truck has roll up compartment doors and has a 15' light tower located on the roof of the Pierce.

Upperville Volunteer Fire Department

Upperville is located in Fauquier County along Route 50, several miles down the road from Loudoun County's Station 3, Middleburg. Upperville recently placed into service their first Ambulance, breaking the tradition of fire trucks only at Upperville Station 5.

Ambulance 5-1 is a 2003 Ford F450 that was built by P&L Custom. What sets this ambulance apart from many others is its striking paint scheme. Ambulance 5-1 is painted red and white with blue stripes. Painted on the back of the unit is a large white and blue medical insignia.

**CHECK YOUR
PHOTO ID CARD'S
EXPIRATION DATE**



Blue Ridge's new Rescue Engine 8



Upperville's new Ambulance 5-1

R&R COMMITTEE

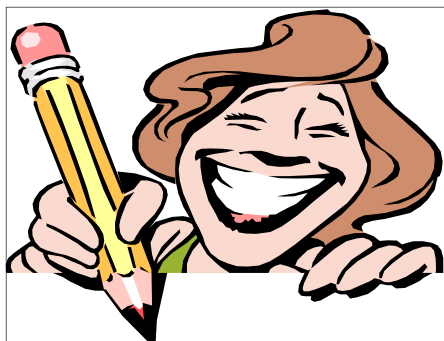
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CAD STREETS - NOVEMBER 2003

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Appaloosa Trail Ct	Cedar Ridge Bl	Cedar Crest	19	19	19-4
Beebe Ct	Axline Rd	Bruce Family	12	12	12-1
Bridle Pl	Cedar Ridge Bl	Cedar Crest	19	19	19-4
Bruce Ct	Householder Rd	Bruce Family	12	12	12-7
Cedar Ridge Bl	Bullrun Postoffice Rd	Cedar Crest	19	19	19-4
Claude Ct SE	Shana Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Froggatt Ln	Wenner Rd	-	12	12	12-2
Iron Bit Pl	Bridle Pl	Cedar Crest	19	19	19-4
Mare Tr	Morven Sq	Belmont	6	6	6-6
Mineral Springs Ci	Greenstone Dr	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Morven Sq	Gloucester Pkwy	Belmont	6	6	6-6
Muffin Ct SE	Alpine Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Paddock Trail Pl	Cedar Ridge Bl	Cedar Crest	19	19	19-4
Parnell Ct	Picnic Woods Rd	Bruce Family	12	12	12-7
Plum Ridge Tr	Morven Sq	Belmont	6	6	6-6
Post Time Ct	Cedar Ridge Bl	Cedar Crest	19	19	19-4
Prairie Dunes Tr	Morven Sq	Belmont	6	6	6-6
Roan Ct	Cedar Ridge Bl	Cedar Crest	19	19	19-4
Roy Ct SE	Shana Dr SE	Stowers	1	13	1-12
Stable Ct	Cedar Ridge Bl	Cedar Crest	19	19	19-4

Old Street Name	New Street Name	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Clatterbuck Ln	Winsome Trail Ln	Catoctin Creeks	2	14	2-4
McCarty Ci	McCarty Ct	Countryside	18	25	18-2

Deleted Street Name	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Dillon Pl N	Purcellville	2	14	2-9
Nichols Ln	Purcellville	2	14	2-9



NEED VOLUNTEER ARTICLES & PHOTOGRAPHS

**Send to Frankie at Fire & Rescue Services
or
E-MAIL ARTICLES TO: frust@loudoun.gov**

Lucketts Rescue Engine 10

By Mike Sanders, Co. 6

A unique fire truck was placed into service on December 8, 2003 in Lucketts with the radio designation of Rescue Engine 10. This rescue engine almost has the appearance of a rescue squad rather than an engine. Concealed behind the rear compartment on the driver's side is a 1500 gpm pump. Intakes, discharges, etc. are located at the rear of the truck, just below the hose bed. Saulsbury built the Rescue Engine on a 2002 Spartan Mountain Star 4x4. This engine is designed to be able to go off road and handle inclement weather.

Rescue Engine 10 is painted red/white and holds 750 gallons of water. It does not have a foam tank, but carries 20 gallons of foam in cans. The spacious Spartan cab can accommodate six firefighters and an EMS compartment is located within the cab. Rescue Engine 10 fights fire by carrying 1000' of 4

Lockett's New Rescue Engine 10

inch supply line, a total of 550' of 1 ¾ line, 250' of 2 ½ line, and 200' of forestry line. In addition, two hard sleeves are stored within the body of the truck. Other features of Rescue Engine 10 include dual hurst tools with a gas back up, a 12,000 pound winch on the front of the truck, a 15 KW generator, and both gas and electric PPV fans. A 330 Cummins engine provides power to the truck. The new Spartan/

Saulsbury replaces a much smaller 1986 Chevrolet/EEI 1000/500 engine, which the department is selling.

A special thanks to James Hobbie of Station 10 for his assistance in providing information on Rescue Engine 10 and to the day crew assigned to Station 10 for taking the time to pose the Rescue Engine for photos.